Commonwealth Technology Council
January 26, 2006

Meeting Agenda

- Project Status

- Interface Status

- Training Status

- Agency Implementation Status

- Key Dates Reminder

Project Status

- CGI-AMS software enhancements delivered and system testing nearly completed
- Preparing for User Acceptance Testing and Performance Testing
- COT software enhancements nearing coding completion. System Testing underway
- Training materials being developed
- Production hardware on-site. Software being loaded
- Agency and Central Implementation tasks underway

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Interface Status

- Inbound interface test files due before 1/31/06

- 23 Agencies have 57 Interface and 154 Checkwriter files (211 total)

- 6 Agencies have submitted 9 Interface and 38 Checkwriter test files which have been loaded to System Test (47 total - 22%)

- Some field values still to be defined – those should not hold up submitting initial test files

- eMARS Interface Team is available to answer questions

eMARS Training Status

- ## **eMARS Training**
  - ### Training Catalog now on Web
    - 2 Independent Study Guides (ISG)
    - 1 PowerPoint Presentation
    - 1 User Manual
    - 2 Video Help Classes
    - 21 Instructor Led Classes
  - ### eLearning "virtual classroom"
    - Software vendor selected (ELuminate)
    - Software on hand for installation
    - Hardware ordered – expected by 2/7

eMARS Training Status

- ## **eMARS Training**
  - End User Registration starts 2/06/2006
  - Train-the-Trainer starts 2/13/2006
  - Eluminate Training for Trainers and Facilitators starts 2/15/2006
  - End User Training starts 3/23/2006

Agency Implementation (Hardware Update)

Desktop Hardware

- October 2005 Newsletter gave general specifications
- Machine should be adequate if:
  - User can connect to intranet/internet through Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher
  - User can currently access MARS, PD, MRDB
- A monitor and video card that provides at least 1024 x 768 resolution is recommended to avoid excess scrolling. This resolution is required for viewing ISGs.
- Office 2003 or above is required to package solicitations for the web—heavy procurement users

eMARS Access

- eMARS is accessible only through the KIH or a VPN account – there is no direct access through the Internet
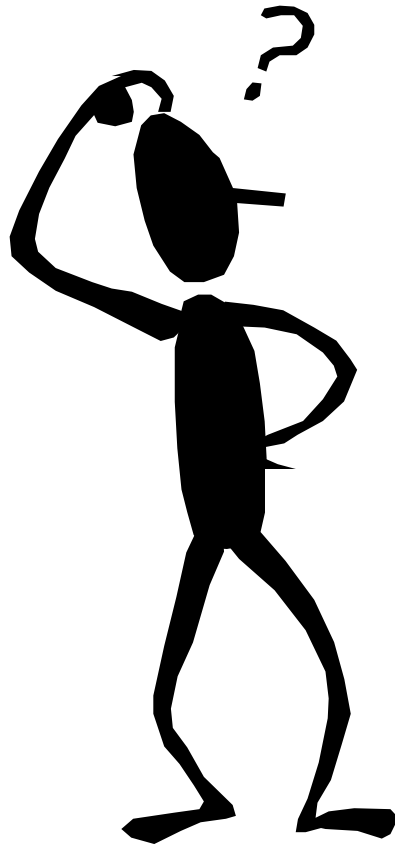
eMARS – Key Dates – Go Live

- **May 15, 2006**
  - Go Live with Requisitions/Solicitations, Budget, and Vendor Self Service (VSS)

- **July 1, 2006**
  - Go Live with full system

Questions & Answers

Questions?